

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2011 MEETING

**In Attendance :**

Alan Baker      John Drake      Al Floyd      Jim Halloran  
Barbara Sherman   Dick Sherman      Deb Talamini      Tom Talamini

**Absent:**

John Burnham      Joanne Drapeau      Albert Grant      Ken Francis      Gil Hayes      Lois Noble

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:10 PM

**MINUTES** of January 20, 2011 MEETING: Approved.

**ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:** To be added to Old Business: Items d, e, f, g, h; to New Business: Items e, and f.

**ON-GOING BUSINESS:**

- a. "Mansions at Canyon Ridge" – No report from Members John Burnham and Gil Hayes.
- b. East Windsor River Guide /SRWA Guides – Our town info to be added to pamphlet.
- c. Canoe Trips on Scantic / Flood (River) Review – Water testing samples gathered; now a new permanent drop off point is needed; will connect with Rex Joffray to settle on that site.
- d. Trail Markers – Many new markers placed and more will be this weekend.
- e. Membership – One alternate spot still open on Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. January's work party/planning session was productive. February 19<sup>th</sup> work day was cancelled.
- b. SRWA's sponsored Super Bowl Sunday walk was cancelled but an unofficial walk starting at Bailey Road, Enfield, did take place by a few members of Association.
- c. Stream walk info and introduction will be held at Powder Hollow Mill Barn Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Forms for measurements and criteria will be distributed and explained. Training on how to do survey will be May 7<sup>th</sup>. AHRC will be involved with East Windsor's Community Day then, so we will rely on Associate Member Kirsten Martin for directions.
- d. SWRA's Spring Splash on March 26 marks 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that event. Albert Grant and his wife normally cook and other Commission members will join in helping, adding our support and gaining recognition.
- e. Several new patch designs were added to others and will be turned over to contact for workups; hopefully we will have something ready for Community Day, the latest.
- f. Letters supporting new bills in the CT legislature which would indemnify municipalities against lawsuits for injury on its lands were presented to members for their signatures.
- g. Kiosks will be needed for new trail areas and existing ones. Inquiry will be made to other scout troops as to their kiosk plans and also the state park website will be checked for its kiosk requirements.
- h. Treasurer will be contacted to ascertain how to list any donations or grants that are received, enabling the income to then be used for various river/trail and adjacent parking lot needs.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. March 19<sup>th</sup> set as next date, meeting at 9AM at Burnham's barn.
- b. Pictures of the New Year's Day hike and the water testing were good publicity for us. Publicity committee was asked to connect with Mike Emmons of SWRA so our info could be added to its website.
- c. Chair stated that the AHRC's budget needs would be discussed at a meeting of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance on Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup> and asked if anyone else would join him to respond to any questions. He also read a prepared statement that was attached to the budget request regarding the payment of secretary stipend for the coming year.

- d. Chair was notified by the First Selectman that a Small Grants for CT River Improvements (shovel ready projects only) was available. He contacted Robin Newton and she and Park and Rec will work on the grant using the previously planned park at the filter bed area.
- e. SWRA forwarded a Recreational Trail Development Request for the Scantic River State Park; member Alan Baker will work with Laurie Giannati to ascertain the guidelines from the state on how to proceed, in order to make that area's trail another on AHRC list of projects to complete.
- f. Chair and members defined the 2011 wish list:

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:05PM .